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CALTRANS HONORS BILL MCEWEN, ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER

YUCAIPA- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) honored Bill McEwen today for his dedicated service to the taxpayers of California. Bill volunteers his time to clean the Yucaipa Park & Ride lot and nearby freeway on-ramp. He does this every month. “Bill is a true example of dedication, involvement and community partnering,” said Dave Hennings, Caltrans Maintenance Area Superintendent.

“It’s excellent when an individual doesn’t just say something needs to be done, but takes responsibility for getting it done,” said John Tooker, Yucaipa City Manager who participated in today’s ceremony. The ceremony included expressions of appreciation from Paul Glass and Steve Sornoso, Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway coordinators and the presentation of a recognition plaque. Everyone stood near the Adopt-A-Highway sign that displays Bill’s company name, Golden State Computer Products, as Ernie Hernandez, Caltrans Landscape Maintenance Supervisor, made the presentation.

Bill believes the Park & Ride Lot helps encourage people to ride-share and he hopes his clean-up efforts encourage people to feel safe leaving their cars there. You could say the Yucaipa Park & Ride lot is spotless and so is the nearby on-ramp to Interstate 10.

This is a much-needed service and it contributes to helping keep California beautiful. Statewide, the Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Program saves taxpayers over \$14.5 million each year. Also, the work of volunteers helps make it possible for Caltrans to use state resources for more highway improvements.

Caltrans is looking to increase the number of Adopt-A-Highway volunteers in the Inland Empire. Individuals and organizations interested in volunteering can get more information by visiting the Caltrans District 8 Web site at www.caltrans8.info or calling (909) 383-4468.

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